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SUBJECT: ICFTU WEEK OF ACTION AGAINST SOUT AFRICA
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REF: (A) JOHANNESBURG 088, (B) JOHANNESBURG 104, (C) LONDON 898.

1. FIVE DAYS INTO ICFTU WEEK OF ACTOION AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA, EUROPEAN TRADE UNION BOYCOTT APPEARS FROM THIS PRESPECTIVE TO HAVE BEEN A COMPLETE FAILURE AS FAR AS DISRUPTION OF SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE OR COMMUNICATIONS WITH EUROPE CONCERNED. DFA

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UNDER SECRETARY FOR INFORMATION INFORMED EMBOFF JANUARY 20
THAT THUS FAR THERE HAS NOT BEEN A SINGLE INSTANCE WHERE
MOVEMENT OF SOUT AFRICAN GOODS, MAIL OR COMMERCIAL
CARRIERS HAS BEEN INTERRUPTED IN EUROPE. SENIOR SHIPPING
ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL CONFIRMED TO CONGEN JOHANNESBURG THAT
SOUTH AFRICAN SHIPS AND CARGOES HAVE HAD NO INTERRUPTION
IN EUROPE. ONLY REPORT WE HAVE THAT BOYCOTT ACTUALLY
IMPLEMENTED IS LOCAL PRESS ACCOUNT OF DOCK WORKERS IN
NEW ZEALAND REFUSING TO OFFLOAD SOUTH AFRICAN CARGOES.

2. SOUTH AFRICAN ENGLISH-LANGUATE PRESS EXTENSIVELY REPORTED
PLANS FOR BOYCOTT AND DECISION OF BRITISH COURT TO BAR POSTAL
BOYCOTT. SAG OFFICIALS MAINTAINED PUBLIC STANCE THAT THEY DID NOT
EXPECT ANY INTERRUPTION OF LINKS WITH EUROPE AND THAT NO
CHANGES WOULD BE MADE IN AIRCRAFT AND SHIP ROUTINGS.

3. COMMENT: IN LIGHT OF WIDE PUBLICITY GIVEN TO ICFTU PLANS,
BOYCOTT WAS GENERALLY EXPECTED HERE TO PRODUCE AT LEAST SOME
DISRUPTIONS EVEN AFTER COURT ORDER ON POSTAL BOYCOTT.DEGREE
WO THISH BOYCOTT HAS FAILED IS VIEWED HERE WITH BOTH SURPRISE
AND REFIFLIED. ALTHOUGH BOTH GOVERNMENT AND WHIT EPOPULATION HAVE
BECOME SOMEWHAT ACCUSTOMED TO THREATS OF THIS SORT IT WILL SERVE
AS ONE FURTHER EXAMPLE OF SOUTH AFRICA'S INCREASING ISOLATION AND
OF POTENTIAL VULENARABILITY OF ITS OVERSEAS LINKS.
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